(c) if not, the reasons for not operating the Bijapur-Yeshwanthpur-Basava Express on daily basis even after the long pending demand from public and the Members of Parliament and other representative from this area; and

(d) the date from which the train would operate on daily basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

(d) At present, there is no proposal to increase the frequency of the train to daily.

New railway projects in North Eastern Region

1913. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new railways projects in the country particularly in the North Eastern Region that have been formulated during the current year;

(b) the total funds allocated on the these projects; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) No new project in the North Eastern Region has been included in the Budget 2006-07. However, two new line proposals from Dimapur to Kohima (Zubza) and Azra-Byrnihat have been processed for necessary approvals.

Proposals of Gujarat for railway crossings

1914. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 59 proposals of the Gujarat State for permission of railway crossings are pending for approval at different levels in Railways since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for want of permission of Railways, the project for water supply cost over-runs and population of scarcity prone areas do not avail benefits from such water supply infrastructure;